



U.S. Department  
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**Federal Railroad  
Administration**

## **Railroad Safety Advisory Committee Task Statement: Definition of Reportable “Train Accident”**

**Task No.:** 97-7

**Date presented to the RSAC:** September 30, 1997

**Purpose:**

To clarify criteria for calculating reportable railroad property damage, with specific focus on the calculation of damages exceeding the reporting threshold.

**Description:**

This task requires evaluation of the concept of a reportable train accident, specifically the means by which the railroad property damage threshold is calculated (currently \$6,500). If changes in the regulations or reporting guide are deemed appropriate, specific revisions should be proposed and justified.

**Issues requiring specific report:**

Could clarification of the means used by railroads to estimate railroad property damage improve the consistency of reporting?

**Source:**

Issue raised in the revision of 49 CFR Part 225; request of Brotherhood of Railway Carmen Division/TCIU.

**Refer to/establish following working group:**

Accident Reports Working Group

**Target dates:**

Report recommended action and, if applicable, provide timetable for preparation of NPRM by July 1, 1998.

**Disposition:** Accepted as amended herein.

**Date:** 9/30/97